

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that the Federal Highway Administration has awarded \$323,773 for the repair of federal highways damaged by November, 2006 flooding in Upstate New York.

“Local communities are still dealing with damage from flooding in 2006 and this funding will go a long way to repair the highways our businesses and families rely on daily,” **said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which oversees the Federal Highway Administration**

. “I will continue to fight to make sure federal funding is available to help communities rebuild after natural disasters and improve our transportation infrastructure to help the economy grow.”

This funding became available when President Bush declared New York State flooding a federal disaster upon request of then-Governor Pataki. Eligible repair work includes emergency repairs needed to restore essential traffic, minimize the extent of damage, or protect the remaining facilities as well as permanent repairs necessary to restore the highway to its pre-disaster condition.

Beginning on November 16, 2006, heavy rains caused flooding in Upstate New York. Flooding was especially damaging to homes and infrastructure in Chenango, Oneida and Herkimer Counties.

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